



News Flash - The Ambulance Fee Schedule Fact Sheet, which provides general information about the Ambulance Fee Schedule, is now available in downloadable format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Learning Network at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/AmbulanceFeeSched_508.pdf on the CMS website.

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Related CR Transmittal #: R532OTN Implementation Date: July 28, 2008

Notification of New Quarterly Updates to the Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File (PUF)

Provider Types Affected

Ambulance providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for ambulance services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6091, which informs Medicare providers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) wants providers to know that since Medicare Claims Processing Contracting reform is on-going, some of the Contractor/Carrier numbers included in the 2008 annual Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File (PUF) posted to the CMS website may be outdated. To ensure that the Contractor/Carrier numbers contained in the file are as accurate as possible, a quarterly update to the PUF file, containing new Contractor/Carrier numbers, will be posted to the CMS website until all contracting reform is completed. The updated information will be highlighted with italicized red text and may be reviewed at

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<u>http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/02_afspuf.asp#TopOfPage</u> on the CMS website.

Additional Information

You may see the official instruction (CR6091) issued to your Medicare contractor at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R3520TN.pdf on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number which may be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip on the CMS website.

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